

*Ways and Means Committee outlines effort to reduce costs, protect current coverage, and preserve choice to ensure affordable, quality care for all*

Washington, DC - Rep. Linda Sánchez and her Democratic colleagues on the influential House Ways and Means Committee met with President Barack Obama today in the State Dining Room at the White House to discuss health care proposals.

**“We had a very productive meeting with President Obama which underscored that we share a commitment to fixing our broken health care system,” said Rep. Linda Sánchez. “I told President Obama that health care reform should include as many people as possible, and a better safety net for those who will still have problems affording health insurance after the reforms are in place. These policies make sense for the economy, because they’ll reduce emergency room use - the most expensive kind of care -and put the emphasis on cheaper preventive care, which will keep people healthy and working.”**

The Ways and Means Committee is one of three House committees developing health care legislation. An essential part of the health care proposal is a new public insurance plan option that would compete with private plans and put a check on out-of-control prices. Health care costs burden U.S. businesses and families, are a leading cause of bankruptcy, and eat away at federal and state budgets.

Rep. Linda Sánchez assured President Obama that she would work tirelessly with him to help reform the U.S. health care system, aiming to cut costs and ensure that millions of working families now without health insurance get access to affordable, high quality care.

Earlier today, leaders of the Committees with jurisdiction over health policy outlined a framework which fulfills President Obama’s commitment to health reform that:

- \* Reduces costs;
- \* Protects current coverage and preserves choice of doctors, hospitals, and health plans; and
- \* Ensures affordable, quality health care for all.

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